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NEWS.

THE New England Botanical Club has just issued its neatly printed club-book for 1899, containing the constitution of the club, list of the officers, members, and personnel of its various committees. There are now forty-four resident members (those living within twenty-five miles of Boston), and forty-two non-resident. It is evident from the list that the club already includes nearly all the publishing botanists who are engaged in the investigation of the New England flora.

After the close of Vol. II the *Zoölogical Bulletin* will be continued under the name of *The Biological Bulletin*, and will be published under the auspices of the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Holl, Mass. The journal will be enlarged to include general biology, physiology, and botany; and it will contain occasional reviews and reports of work and lectures at the Marine Biological Laboratory.

Brighton, England, is to have a new zoölogical garden.

Mr. Georges Clautrian, of Brussels, receives a prize of 600 francs from the Belgian Academy, for his researches in the chemistry of digestion in carnivorous plants.

We note the statement in a recent number of *Natural Science* that the gypsy moth is rapidly disappearing from England, and in certain localities it is no longer to be found. Possibly they have emigrated, attracted by the generosity of the Massachusetts Legislature.

The Egyptian government is to begin a scientific study of the fishes of the Nile, the work being done by English naturalists.

Falcon Island, near the Tonga group, has disappeared after an existence of thirteen years. It was found as a volcanic upheaval. In this connection we note a submarine eruption in March, causing a "tidal wave" which did great damage in the Solomon Islands.

A sketch of the life of the late James Hall, with a presumably complete bibliography of his scientific writings, appears in the March number of the *American Geologist*.

Mr. J. Stanley Gardiner has been appointed Balfour student of the University of Cambridge. The studentship is for three years and has an annual value of £200. It is designed for research in the line of animal morphology.

Mr. W. W. Skeat, accompanied by Messrs. Evans and Aumandale as zoölogists, and Mr. Gwynne-Vaughan as botanist, goes to the Malay peninsula to make investigations upon its natural history. The expedition is aided by the University of Cambridge.

The Belgian Royal Academy has awarded a prize of 600 francs to Professor L. Cuénot, of Nancy, France, for his studies of the nephridial system of the molluscs.

The *Concilium Bibliographicum* announces their new address to be 38 Eidmattstrasse, Zürich-Neumünster. The new house contains a press room in the basement, offices, storerooms, and composing rooms in two upper stories. Dr. J. Dewitz has been appointed resident assistant and Dr. L. Lalry correspondent.

The board of estimate and apportionment for the City of New York has set aside \$63,000 for the zoölogical garden in Bronx Park. It is also proposed to raise the appropriation for the American Museum of Natural History from \$90,000 to \$130,000 a year.

Dr. Adolph Fick, professor of physiology in the University of Würzburg, has resigned at the age of seventy years.

Several graduate fellowships and scholarships in scientific departments are vacant this spring at the University of Nebraska. Holders of these positions are expected to give a certain portion of their time to assistance in the department in which they are working.

Appointments: Vidal de la Blache, professor of geography in the University of Paris. — Mr. Joseph Barrell, instructor in geology and lithology in Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Penn. — G. Gilbert Cullis, assistant professor of geology in the Royal College of Science, South Kensington, London. — Ulric Dahlgren, assistant professor of histology in Princeton University. — Dr. William Morris Davis, Sturgis-Hooper professor of geology in Harvard University. — A. W. Hill, demonstrator in botany in the University of Cambridge. — Dr. Moritz Hoernes, professor extraordinarius of prehistoric archæology in the University of Vienna. — Dr. Robert Tracy Jackson, assistant professor of paleontology in Harvard University. — Dr. Bengst Jöhns-

son, professor of botany at the Akademie at Lund, Sweden. — Dr. Adalar Richter, professor extraordinarius of botany in the University of Klausenburg. — Mr. W. E. D. Scott, curator of the ornithological collections of the Green School of Science in Princeton University. — Dr. Streckeison, privat docent for geography in the University of Basel. — Dr. Tobler, privat docent for mineralogy in the University of Basel. — Dr. W. F. R. Weldon, of London, Lenacre professor of comparative anatomy in the University of Oxford, as successor to Professor E. Ray Lankester. — Dr. R. von Wettstein, professor of botany and director of the botanical gardens of the University of Vienna. — Jay Backus Woodworth, instructor in geology in Harvard University.

Deaths: Dr. Dareste de la Chavanne, the French anthropologist and teratologist. — Rev. William Colenso, a collector and student of New Zealand anthropology, February 10, aged 88. — John Collett, for several years state geologist of Indiana, at Indianapolis, March 15, aged 71. — Mr. Thomas Cook, teacher of anatomy, in London, February 8. — Alexandre Laboulbene, entomologist and pathologist, author of a *Faune Entomologique de France*, aged 73. — Dr. Franz Lang, teacher of natural history in the cantonal school of Solothurn, Switzerland, aged 78. — Dr. William Rutherford, professor of physiology in the University of Edinburgh, February 21, aged 60. — Dr. Carl Schönlein, assistant in the Zoölogical Station at Naples, aged 40. — Sir John Struthers, emeritus professor of anatomy in the University of Aberdeen, February 24, aged 75. — Gianpaolo Vlacovich, professor of anatomy at Padua, Italy.

Othniel Charles Marsh, professor of paleontology in Yale University, died March 18, 1898. He was born at Lockport, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1831, and was graduated from Yale College in the class of 1860. For two years after graduation he pursued studies in mineralogy in Yale, and then went abroad for three years of study in German universities. In 1866 he returned to Yale as professor of paleontology, a position he held until his death. Professor Marsh was never married and was without near relatives. His entire fortune was left by will to Yale University, aside from a bequest to the National Academy of Science of \$10,000.